

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Brief Description of the Drawings: The following is added to page 4, after line 22 :

Figure 2 is a close-up view of the portal show in Figure 1.

Detailed Description of the Preferred Embodiments – The following changes are made:

Page 5, line 11:

Referring now to the drawings in general, the illustrations are for the purpose of describing a preferred embodiment of the invention and are not intended to limit the invention thereto. Figure 1 shows a schematic diagram of a UV appliance or container portal system, generally described as 10. In the preferred embodiment, an appliance or container ~~12~~ ²⁴ is equipped with a portal 22, which may alternatively be at least one portal if more than one light input is desired, thus allowing at least one fiber optic transmission line 26 to provide UV light to the appliance. The at least one portal may include a respective fiber optic transmission line fastener 23, to removably secure the fiber optic transmission line(s) to the device. The portal is equipped with an interface device 32 that controls the interface between the portal and the interior of the appliance or container. The interface device ensures the security of the internal compartment of the appliance or container and/or prevents the escape of the interior contents of the appliance or container via the at least one portal. Preferably, the interface device is UV transmissive, such that UV light may pass through it. More preferably, the interface device is an interface optical device or devices. These interface optical devices, or portal optics, control and direct the UV light in order to enhance the disinfection of the appliance or container interior 24. Alternately, when the appliance is not being disinfected, the interface device is not necessarily UV transmissive, but may be

engineered and constructed of materials such that it can preserve the security of or prevent the escape of the internal contents and components of the appliance.

Figure 2 includes an example embodiment of a portal mounting mechanism 34 for mounting the portal 22 to the appliance 12 integrated with an interface mounting mechanism 36 for mounting the interface 32 to the appliance 12. Figure 2 also shows a fiber optic transmission line fastener mounting mechanism 38 for mounting a fiber optic transmission line fastener 23 to the portal 22. The mounting mechanisms in this example embodiment include brackets with bolted fittings for securely attaching the components to the appliance.